

WHAT IS IDS - SCRIPT

ANNOUNCER: What do students do when they need materials not available in the library? In this episode, three students learn how Marshall University Libraries can help them get the articles, books, and other materials they need, even if they aren't owned by the library.

CHARACTERS: BECKY, KATIE and BRITTANY, freshmen in an English 102 class.

THE SCENE: STUDY ROOM - Close-up on BECKY, KATIE and BRITTANY sitting at a table in a study room.

KATIE: (TO BECKY) How's your paper coming along?

BECKY: Pretty well. I've been finding some great articles on my topic, and I think I've tracked down at least two books that will help.

BRITTANY: (To both, disgusted) Man, I can't find a thing. And if I do happen to find an article, you know, at least the title and author – just my luck – it's not fulltext and the library doesn't have it. I mean, they don't have the journal the article is in. That stinks!

KATIE: Can't you just find it on the Internet?

BRITTANY: No, these are articles, not someone's webpage I need.

KATIE: Well, what about going to newsweek.com or time.com? They let you read their articles.

BRITTANY: That might be true for today's news or this week's, but when I tried searching their website for articles on my topic from the past, even from just the

last year, guess what? Cha-ching! They take me to a secure server and ask me to type in a credit card number.

KATIE: Ouch!

BRITTANY: Yeah, right!

BECKY: You know, there's another way, guys.

KATIE: What? Just stick to the fulltext articles in the library's databases?

BECKY: Well, that is one way, but remember, our prof said not to do that because we might miss seeing some other great articles that way.

BRITTANY: So, what are you supposed to do if you're broke? I can't afford to order articles off those commercial sites.

BECKY: You don't have to. The library has this service to get those kinds of things for you. If they don't subscribe to the journal or magazine you need, they will order the article for you.

KATIE: Are you kidding? ...They probably charge you, too.

BECKY: Well, when I set my account up with them, I found out that they might be able to deliver some articles to me electronically for free! It's only when they have to give them to you in paper that they charge you, and then it's only 10 cents a page.

BRITTANY: Well, what if I needed a book?

BECKY: They can do that. It just might take a little longer than getting an article, because remember, they would have to get that book through snail mail,

not email or digitally. But they don't charge for that either, unless you don't bring it back to them on time.

BRITTANY: How much?

BECKY: A dollar a day.

KATIE: Ouch!

BECKY: Well, it is steep, but they could get in trouble with the library who loaned them the book.

BRITTANY: How do you know so much about this library stuff?

BECKY: Well, I heard about it in a library instruction session, but to tell you the truth, it didn't really click until I needed something they didn't have. Then, I clicked on this IDS button...

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